

Foreword

The Seventh Regional Conference on Mathematical Physics was held in Anzali. October 15-22, 1995, under the sponsorship of the Institute for Studies in Theoretical Physics and Mathematics (IPM). Since its creation by a group of Iranian, Turkish, and Pakistani physicists, at the International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), this series of conferences have helped to bring together the physicists of this region and also increase contact with the international physics community.

This year the organizers had a few fixed objectives:

- That all participants be given a chance to present their work, even if only a short presentation. We regret however that not all the lectures presented are published in this volume.
- To increase interaction among the participants, long expository evening talks (2-3 hours long) were given by the experts. We wish to thank all those who gave these excellent talks (L. Alvarez-Gaume, J. Ellis, A. Morozov, W. Nahm, S. Wadia).
- To increase participation by the young physicists of the region by extending partial financial support to them.

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